

## TELLS OF FIRST OIL FIND

Geologist Says Drilling Was Begun at a Surface Seepage.

The first oil well drilled in the United States was located and drilled because of a surface seepage of petroleum similar to the prospect that has been discovered near Columbia, according to a local oil enthusiast. There was a place in Pennsylvania where the Indians had made use of oil that was seeping from the rocks. They had been collecting the fluid by wiping it up and squeezing it into containers, goes the story. They had been using it to adorn their shining countenances and as a tonic.

About 1858 Henry Drake began drilling for oil at this place. But he was too far in advance of his time and he was confined as a person with unusual mind. He managed to be released and finished his oil well in secrecy. His efforts resulted in the first oil well and oil boom in America. The year previous a successful well had been brought in in Rumania which was the first source of petroleum in the world for commercial purposes.

According to persons who have seen the well at Franklin, there is no doubt that there is at least some oil underlying this area. The oil derrick is near the railroad and can be seen from the hotel at Booneville. It is reported that a derrick is being moved into Fayette.

The Pomona oil prospect near West Plains in Howell County, Missouri, is assumed, according to some. Large companies are moving oilpumps and piping into that section planning that the successful shooting of a well there will prove a real discovery in that region.

"Records show that nearly every big oil field found in America was discovered from the emission of the oil, or gas and odors that accompany," repeats a Columbia oil man. "Look at this rock from the prospect near Columbia." He exhibited a good size stone dug, as he said, from near a cliff near Columbia. It was blackened and oily to the touch and appeared as though crude oil had been seeping around it in the crevices with the rocks near it.

"A very interesting prospect," he remarked casually. "Who knows but what this may lead to an important discovery for Columbians? Suppose we do discover oil here before next Christmas? Wouldn't that make a fine Christmas gift for Columbia? And the local oil enthusiast was smiling.

## NEED HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

States Profit by Popularized History, Says F. C. Shoemaker.

At a meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Madison, Wis., last Thursday, Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary of the State Historical Society of Missouri, said, "Until recently, America's textbooks on United States history might have been copyrighted, stamped, and labelled 'Made in New England' for the remainder of America."

"It is not so much history, but popularized history that the Middle West lacks," said Mr. Shoemaker. He added that popularized history was harder to obtain than the former was to make, because people acting collectively must make history, but they are not forced to know history.

Shoemaker emphasized the necessity of a state historical society or commission. "For no state," he said, "except to popularize its history without a central directing agency."

"Any state or commonwealth may more easily retain its population and attract new citizens by vitalizing its own history. This popularizing of state history is, therefore, profitable as well as educational to any state or community."

G. R. Fox spoke on archaeology of the Mississippi Valley states and its relation to their history, and C. H. McClure spoke on state and local history.

## FAIR BOARD AWARDS PRIZES

\$50 Given for Best Letters of Criticism and Suggestion.

Prizes were announced this week for the best letter written to the State Fair Board, telling what the writers liked best and least about the fair, and giving suggestions for the improvement of the institution.

The first prize of \$25 went to W. R. Anthony, Waldheim Building, Kansas City. The second prize of \$15 was awarded to Mrs. A. Kate Rodecker, Res. Mo. The third prize of \$10 went to Mrs. Carrie Slack Bagdala, Sedalia.

Hundreds of letters were received and read by the judges. Most of them were from Missouri; but a number were received from other states. Several were written in rhyme. Much interest was shown in the contest, and the Fair Board derived considerable benefit from the various suggestions made. Many of these suggestions will be incorporated

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into the program and plans for the 1921 State Fair and Missouri Centennial Exposition, to be held in Sedalia August 8-20.

## THE PROPER WAY TO KNIT

Miss Steenstrup Giving Demonstrations in Fancy Work.

Miss Frederike Steenstrup, a native of Holland and a former student of the University of Copenhagen, is in Columbia as a representative of James Lees & Sons of Chicago, manufacturers of yarns.

As a representative of this company she will give demonstrations in knitting at Fredendall's every day for the rest of this month.

Miss Steenstrup was a student in the fancy work department of the University of Copenhagen and learned how to do every kind of fancy work that the average woman has ever heard of.

This school is under the patronage of the Queen and girls from all the Danish possessions are brought there, free of charge, to learn the many kinds of fancy work.

Miss Steenstrup came to this Country in 1904 and since then she has been teaching fancy work in Omaha. She has been back to Holland three times since she first came. The last time was in 1914 just before the war began. She had intended staying, but conditions there forced her to return to America. She expects to go again this summer and it is very unlikely that she will ever return to this country.

## BILL AFFECTS LEGAL AGE

Missouri Women To Be on Equal Basis With Men in June.

The women of Missouri will be placed on an equal basis with men as regards full ages for all purposes when House Bill No. 147 goes into effect in June, according to representative Benton D. Stockard of Springfield. The bill makes 21 the legal age, and when the bill takes effect women cannot sign deeds until they are of age.

Husbands with wives under 21 will be able to buy property but cannot sell property unless their wives obtain the consent of parents or guardians.

## RED CROSS IN COUNTY WORK

Takes Charge of Women's Rest Room at Courthouse.

Largely due to the activities of the Boone County Red Cross, the county is taking an active part in public welfare and health work. The Red Cross has taken charge of the women's rest room in the courthouse and the addition of new curtains, charts, draps and pictures has given quite a comfortable atmosphere to the room.

County officials are working in cooperation with the Red Cross and new rugs for the room have been promised.

There will be a woman attendant in the room to provide for the entertainment and comfort of visitors, and to keep the room neat and orderly during and after picnic lunches. Children are to be provided for too, and the northeast corner of the courthouse block will be used as a playground, where the children may play games under the direction of the Red Cross attendant. The grassy plot in the rear of the courthouse offers an admirable site for a playground.

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

ROOM AND BOARD—Very desirable rooms for summer, with good table board. 719 Hitt St. Telephone 810. H-199.

FOR RENT—Rooms for boys at 301 Waugh St. Phone 1355-black. M-1954f.

FOR SALE—New 8-room house, hardwood floors, sleeping porch, large lot. Price \$6,750. Weathers & Whitesides. Phone 272. —196.

WANTED TO TRADE—Have you a 10-room or 12-room house you want to trade for a 6-room house on South side? Phone Weathers & Whitesides, 272. —196.

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## Announcement.

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## Marketing Is Farmers' Problem Says Secretary of Agriculture

By HENRY C. WALLACE

Secretary of Agriculture

Some people seem to think the farmer should not concern himself with matters of marketing—that, having produced abundantly, he should turn his crops and his livestock over to the nearest buyer and be thankful for whatever he may receive.

The obligation to get our food products to the consumer with the least possible waste and at the least possible cost consistent with fairness to all who handle them is just as sacred as the obligation to produce those crops in the first place.

The department should inquire into all problems which bear upon the distribution of farm products, not alone their physical handling, both on the farm and on the way to market, but the storage of surplus crops in times of plenty that we may have enough at fair prices in times of scarcity, the financing of such crops in order that the supply may be made continuously available at a fair price, and the efficiency and fairness with which these crops are handled all the way from the farm to the consumer.

The department does not need men to plow the fields or breed and feed the animals or harvest the crops. It tries to make available the most advanced knowledge concerning such operations in order that the farmer may improve his farming methods. So in the case of marketing it is not the business of the department to organize marketing associations, but it is properly its business to make available the most reliable information it can obtain concerning the organization and operation of such associations.

These marketing organizations need information with regard to market conditions. In the case of perishable products, such as fruits and vegetables, they need daily information from the principal markets in order to know how to ship so that there may be an adequate supply evenly distributed instead of glut in some markets and scarcity in others.

In its studies of the marketing of farm crops the department should make thorough inquiry into the costs of marketing at every stage from the time the crops leave the farm until they reach the consumer. It should turn on the light, if there are points along the way at which there is unnecessary waste that should be made known. If there are men along the way who are taking too much toll for the service they render, that also should be made known.

A plentiful supply of food at prices which are just to both producer and consumer is vital to our national welfare and it is a proper function of government to do what it can to insure it.

At this particular time prices of practically all farm products are not only far below the actual cost of production, but are relatively far below the prices of other basic commodities. Prices of many of the larger farm crops are well below

the pre-war normal, while almost none of them are above it. At the same time the basic commodities which enter into practically everything the farmers buy are from 50 to 100 per cent, and more, above pre-war normals.

But the more critical the situation the greater the need for keeping a level head. We are in competition with the farmers of the world. We have a supply of farm products far in excess of present demand. Our troubles are in large part due to world conditions which we cannot control but to which we must adjust ourselves as best we may. It is not a time, therefore, to try quick nostrums which leave the patient worse at the end than when he began to use them.

## TODAY'S MARKET

By United Press.

EAST ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle receipts 4,800; market 25 cents lower.

Native beef steers ..... \$ 7.00 to 8.00

Yearling steers and heifers ..... 6.50 to 8.25

Cows ..... 5.00 to 6.80

Stoikers and feeders ..... 5.75 to 6.75

Calves ..... 8.00 to 9.00

Cows and heifers ..... 5.75 to 6.80

Hog receipts 20,000; market 50 to 60 cents lower.

Mixed and butchers ..... \$ 8.35 to 8.70

Good and heavy ..... 8.00 to 8.50

Rough ..... 5.50 to 6.80

Light ..... 8.50 to 8.85

Pigs ..... 9.50 to 10.00

Bulk ..... 8.25 to 8.75

Sheep receipts 1,200; market 25 cents lower.

Sheep and ewes ..... \$ 5.50 to 6.00

Cannets and cutters ..... 2.00 to 4.00

Wool lambs ..... 9.50 to 10.00

Clipped lambs ..... 9.25 to 10.00

## COLUMBIA MARKET REPORT

Prices to Farmers: Low High Av.

Eggs, doz. .... .29 .22 .22

Butter, lb. .... .25 .50 .35

Chickens lb. .... .23 .23 .23

Asparagus, doz. bunch. 1.35 1.50 1.40

Onions, doz. bunch. .... .45 .43 .43

Rhubarb, doz. bunch. .... 1.00 1.00 1.00

Radishes, doz. bunch. .... .75 .80 .78

Cream, sweet, lb. .... .46 .48 .47

Cream sour lb. .... .41 .41 .41

Butterfat, lb. .... .61 .50 .45

Milk, skimmed, per 100 lb. less than 3 1/2 per cent .... .44 .45 .45

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FOX NEWS

## Engineering Graduates Visits Here.

J. A. Whitlow of Pine Bluff, Ark., left yesterday for his home after spending a few days in Columbia visiting and on business. Mr. Whitlow was graduated from the University in 1908 with a degree in engineering. He is at present connected with a Pine Bluff company with plants in Pine Bluff and surrounding cities.

## Former Law Dean Sends Book.

John D. Lawson, a former dean of the School of Law, has sent a copy of his new book, "American State Trials," to the University Library.

## Prices Lower

Hams, smoked with hickory wood ..... 29c  
Breakfast Bacon, by the piece ..... 30c  
Dry Salt Bacon ..... 15c  
50 lbs. Lard ..... \$6.90  
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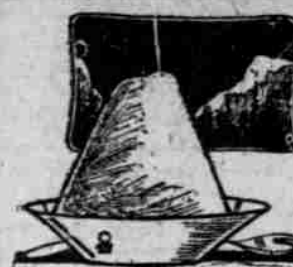
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TOPICS OF THE DAY

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Norma Talmadge in "The Passion Flower"

## HERE'S MONEY FOR YOU ---

For twenty years it has been the annual pleasure of the CO-OP to announce to its customers that the year has been prosperous and that the time has come for the division of profits. This year has been a good year for your store. The sales have been large and we have tried to serve you well. Your patronage has told us that you were pleased.

Again the time for the division of profits has come. Bring in your purchase slips before you go home. It will be necessary that we have all of them on or before April 28th. The new year for the CO-OP will start with the opening of the Spring Term.

No Slips Can Be Accepted After April 28.

## The CO-OP